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FCC ANNOUNCES OVER \$7 MILLION IN PILOT PROGRAM OUTREACH GRANTS TO FUND MORE PROJECTS TO EXPAND AWARENESS OF AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM

Would Raise Awareness in Federal Housing Communities and Fund Programs to Assist with Application Sign-Up Process

WASHINGTON, March 15, 2023—The Federal Communications Commission today announced it is targeting approximately \$7.445 million for two additional one-year, pilot outreach grant programs to raise awareness of the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), the nation's largest broadband affordability program in its history. The two pilot programs will test a variety of methods to reach out to federal housing communities, and work with trusted third parties to assist consumers with completing and submitting an ACP application. Last week, the Commission announced about \$66 million in outreach grants to partner organizations nationwide to serve as trusted community messengers about the ACP in historically underserved and unserved communities and Tribal communities.

"These outreach grants are a powerful tool to help us reach communities that could benefit from the Affordable Connectivity Program," **said Chairwoman Rosenworcel**. "We want families that could use help with their internet bills to know about this largest-ever broadband affordability program, now supporting internet connections in nearly 17 million households. Our goal is to get everyone connected, everywhere as we continue our work to close the digital divide."

Today, the Commission announced that it has selected for grant funding 23 applicants for the Your Home, Your Internet Program and 9 applicants for the ACP Navigator Pilot Program. The Your Home, Your Internet Program is receiving \$4.995 million in funding allocations to increase awareness and encourage participation in the ACP for households receiving federal housing assistance; and the ACP Navigator Pilot Program is receiving \$2.449 million in funding allocations to provide a limited number of neutral, trusted third-party entities, such as schools and school districts, or other local, Tribal or state government entities, to assist consumers with completing and submitting an application for the Affordable Connectivity Program. The Commission will announce a complete list of pilot participants at a later date.

The ACP Outreach Grant Program also includes the National Competitive Outreach Program and the Tribal Competitive Outreach Program. On March 10, 2023, the Commission announced \$66 million in grant funding for these programs awarded to 197 selected applicants representing 50 states and territories to pursue a broad range of outreach projects.

Created by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the Affordable Connectivity Program provides a discount of up to \$30 per month toward internet service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a

one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers if they contribute more than \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase price.

More information on the full list of grantees can be found here: https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-targets-over-7m-toward-affordable-connectivity-program-awareness

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